

## AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 51

TUESDAY, 9 OCTOBER 1973

- 1 The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable J. F. Cope) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **DISTINGUISHED VISITORS:** Mr Speaker informed the House that a delegation from the Parliament of the Federal Republic of Germany, led by Frau Liselotte Funcke, Vice-President of the Bundestag, was present in the gallery. On behalf of the House, Mr Speaker extended to the visitors a warm welcome.
- 3 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following honourable Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
- Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Drury, Mr Jarman, Mr McLeay and Mr Wilson—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government take no measures to interfere with the existing national health scheme.
- Mr Luchetti and Mr Lucock—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House see that television is used to build into the nation integrity, teamwork and a sense of purpose by serving, and to bring faith in God to the heart of the family and national life.
- Mr Edwards—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House take steps to ensure that the Government does not site a second international airport for Sydney in the Galston area or surrounding suburbs.
- Mr Enderby (Minister for Secondary Industry)—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House urge the Government to ensure that, where necessary, kangaroos be killed or trapped by qualified and licensed governmental officers and that poisoning of all native fauna be prohibited.
- Mr Whan—from certain service station proprietors of Queanbeyan, New South Wales, praying that the Government take urgent steps to enable Queanbeyan and Canberra petrol retailers to compete on equal terms.
- Mr Wilson—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House acknowledge the right of every Australian child to equal grants of Government money spent on education.

Petitions received.

- 4 **MINISTERIAL CHANGES AND ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister) informed the House of the following ministerial changes:
- Senator Cavanagh had been appointed Minister for Aboriginal Affairs.
- Mr Bryant had been appointed Minister for the Capital Territory.
- Mr L. R. Johnson (Minister for Housing) had been appointed also Minister for Works.
- Mr Enderby (Minister for the Northern Territory) had been appointed also Minister for Secondary Industry and Minister for Supply.
- Dr Patterson (Minister for Northern Development) would, on his return to Australia, be appointed also Minister for the Northern Territory.
- Senator Willesee (Special Minister of State) would, in the near future, be appointed also Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- Mr Whitlam also informed the House that Mr Bryant would represent the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs in this House, and that during the absence, owing to illness, of Senator Bishop (Minister for Repatriation), Mr Bryant was acting as Minister for Repatriation.

- 5 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—GENERAL BUSINESS NOTICE: Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister) moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent notice No. 1, general business, being proceeded with forthwith.

Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.

- 6 MINISTER FOR MINERALS AND ENERGY—MOTION OF CENSURE: Mr Fraser moved, pursuant to notice—That this House censures the Minister for Minerals and Energy for his gross abuse of power in relation to the New South Wales power dispute.

Ordered—That Mr Fraser be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

*Papers:* Mr Connor (Minister for Minerals and Energy), during his speech, presented the following papers:

Snowy Mountains Council—Documents—

Address given on 11 July 1972 by Mr D. W. Douglas, Operations Engineer of the Council, to staff of the Electricity Commission of New South Wales on the development in the Lower Tumut Region of the Snowy Mountains Scheme. Sixty-eighth meeting of Council held on 14 August 1973—Draft provisional minutes.

Letter, dated 5 September 1973, from Mr L. T. Gleeson, Secretary of the Council, to Council members on the operation of the Lower Tumut Development, together with notes prepared by the Operations Engineer.

Teleprinter message of 18 September 1973 from the Operations Engineer to the Secretary of the Council.

Teleprinter message of 24 September 1973 convening meeting of Council.

Note, dated 26 September 1973, from Mr A. T. Reiher, Deputy Chairman of the Council, to Mr Connor (Minister for Minerals and Energy).

Sixty-ninth meeting of Council held on 26 September 1973—Draft provisional minutes.

File note, dated 28 September 1973, by the Deputy Chairman of the Council on industrial action by E.C.N.S.W. hydro operators of the Tumut Power Station.

Letter, dated 24 September 1973, from Mr Connor to the Deputy Chairman of the Council.

Ordered—That Mr Connor be granted an extension of time.

*Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech:* Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Connor concluding his speech.

Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.

Mr Connor concluded his speech.

Ordered—That Mr Anthony (Leader of the Australian Country Party) be granted an extension of time.

Mr Grassby (Minister for Immigration) moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “this House—

Congratulates the Minister for Minerals and Energy for his firmness and wisdom in the balanced and flexible management of the Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Scheme;

Condemns the Opposition for its blatant attempt to involve the Government in a major industrial dispute to which the New South Wales Liberal Coalition Government is a party, and in which employees of the New South Wales Electricity Commission at the Tumut Power Stations covered by New South Wales Industrial Awards and under that Commission’s industrial discipline are involved, and

Further condemns the Opposition for seeking to impose upon the Government, in respect of State employees a course of industrial action which that Government is not prepared to take in any power station in New South Wales, knowing that it would result in a complete cessation of power generation”.

Debate continued.

Mr Hunt rising to address the House—

*Closure:* Mr Hansen moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Cope, in the Chair)—

AYES, 63

Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr Jacobi	Mr Mulder
Mr Ashley-Brown	Mr Cross	Mr James	Mr Oldmeadow
Mr Barnard	Mr Daly	Dr Jenkins	Mr Olley
Mr Beazley	Mr Davies	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Reynolds
Mr Bennett	Mr Doyle	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Riordan
Mr Berinson	Mr Duthie	Mr Jones	Mr Scholes
Mr Birrell	Mr Enderby	Mr Keating	Mr Sherry
Mr L. F. Bowen	Dr Everingham	Mr Keogh	Mr Stewart
Mr Bryant	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Kerin	Mr Thorburn
Dr Cairns	Mr Fulton	Mr Lamb	Mr Uren
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Garrick	Mr Luchetti	Mr Whan
Dr Cass	Mr Grassby	Mr McKenzie	Mr Whitlam
Mr Coates	Dr Gun	Mr Martin	Mr Willis
Mr Cohen	Mr Hayden	Mr Mathews	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Collard	Mr Hurford	Mr Morris	Mr Hansen
Mr Connor	Mr Innes	Mr Morrison	Mr Nicholls

NOES, 54

Mr Adermann	Mr Erwin	Mr Killen	Mr Ruddock
Mr Anthony	Mr Fairbairn	Mr King	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fisher	Mr Lloyd	Mr Snedden
Mr Bouchier	Dr Forbes	Mr Lucock	Mr Staley
Mr Bury	Mr Fraser	Mr Lynch	Mr Street
Mr Calder	Mr Gorton	Mr MacKellar	Mr Turner
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Graham	Mr McLeay	Mr Viner
Mr Chipp	Mr Hallett	Mr McMahon	Mr Wentworth
Mr Cooke	Mr Hamer	Mr McVeigh	Mr Whittorn
Mr Corbett	Mr Holten	Mr Maisey	Mr Wilson
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hunt	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Drummond	Mr Jarman	Mr Peacock	Mr England
Mr Drury	Mr Katter	Mr E. L. Robinson	Mr Giles
Mr Edwards	Mr Kelly	Mr I. L. Robinson	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—being accordingly put—

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Cope, in the Chair)—

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Mr Adermann	Mr Erwin	Mr Killen	Mr Ruddock
Mr Anthony	Mr Fairbairn	Mr King	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fisher	Mr Lloyd	Mr Snedden
Mr Bouchier	Dr Forbes	Mr Lucock	Mr Staley
Mr Bury	Mr Fraser	Mr Lynch	Mr Street
Mr Calder	Mr Gorton	Mr MacKellar	Mr Turner
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Graham	Mr McLeay	Mr Viner
Mr Chipp	Mr Hallett	Mr McMahon	Mr Wentworth
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Mr Coates	Dr Gun	Mr Martin	Mr Willis
Mr Cohen	Mr Hayden	Mr Mathews	<i>Tellers:</i>
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And so it was negatived.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Cope, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 63

Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr Jacobi	Mr Mulder
Mr Ashley-Brown	Mr Cross	Mr James	Mr Oldmeadow
Mr Barnard	Mr Daly	Dr Jenkins	Mr Olley
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Mr Corbett	Mr Holten	Mr Maisey	Mr Wilton
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Mr Drummond	Mr Jarman	Mr Peacock	Mr England
Mr Drury	Mr Katter	Mr E. L. Robinson	Mr Giles
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion, as amended, be agreed to—put.

## The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Cope, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 63

Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr Jacobi	Mr Mulder
Mr Ashley-Brown	Mr Cross	Mr James	Mr Oldmeadow
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

## 7 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Taxation—Fifty-second Report of the Commissioner of Taxation, dated 1 October 1973.

Ordered to be printed.

Tariff Board Act—Tariff Board—Report for year 1972-73, together with a summary of recommendations by the Board and a statement by the Minister of action taken in respect of them.

## 8 REFERENDUM PROPOSALS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House that, following the passage through both Houses of the Constitution Alteration (Prices) Bill and the Constitution Alteration (Incomes) Bill, the Government would recommend to His Excellency the Governor-General that the writs for the referendums in relation to these Bills be issued on 12 November and that the referendums would be held on 8 December.

Mr Snedden (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

## 9 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—BILLS—ASSENT AND RESERVATION: Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency had—

(a) in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the following Bills:

29 September 1973—Message No. 80—

Post and Telegraph Rates 1973.

Post and Telegraph Regulations 1973.

Post and Telegraph 1973.

(b) under section 58 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, reserved the following proposed law for The Queen's pleasure:

8 October 1973—Message No. 81—Royal Style and Titles 1973.

- 10 SHELTERED EMPLOYMENT (ASSISTANCE) BILL 1973: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—  
 Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.  
 Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
 On the motion of Mr Daly (Minister for Services and Property), the Bill was read a third time.
- 11 HANDICAPPED CHILDREN (ASSISTANCE) BILL 1973: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—  
 Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.  
 Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
 On the motion of Mr Daly (Minister for Services and Property), the Bill was read a third time.
- 12 TERRITORY AUTHORITIES (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) BILL 1973: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—  
 Debate resumed.  
 Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.  
 Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
 On the motion of Mr Hayden (Minister for Social Security), the Bill was read a third time.
- 13 AIR ACCIDENTS (AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT LIABILITY) BILL 1973: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—  
 Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.  
 Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
 On the motion of Mr Hayden (Minister for Social Security), the Bill was read a third time.
- 14 SUPERANNUATION BILL (NO. 3) 1973: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—  
 Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.  
*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 82, dated 22 August 1973, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.  
 Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
 On the motion of Mr Hayden (Minister for Social Security), the Bill was read a third time.
- 15 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 6 to 16, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 16 SOCIAL WELFARE COMMISSION BILL 1973: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—  
 Debate resumed.  
 Mr Holten moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “while not refusing to give the Bill a second reading this House—  
 (1) expresses reservations with the establishment of a complex new Commonwealth instrumentality for which the Government was not given a mandate by the Australian people;

- (2) is concerned at vagueness and lack of definition of the proposals and considers the Commission should be termed an interim Commission until more definite proposals as to its powers and functions are available;
- (3) is concerned at the overlap with existing Government departments, interference in their present activities and possible loss of staff, and
- (4) sees a danger of domination and possible elimination of State Government and voluntary agency welfare services”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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*In the committee*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Hayden (Minister for Social Security), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

17 DIESEL FUEL TAX BILL (NO. 1) 1973: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Dr Cairns (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), the Bill was read a third time.

18 DIESEL FUEL TAX BILL (NO. 2) 1973: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Dr Cairns (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), the Bill was read a third time.

19 EXCISE BILL (NO. 2) 1973: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Dr Cairns (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), the Bill was read a third time.

20 EXCISE TARIFF BILL (NO. 3) 1973: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed by Mr Edwards who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House deplors the adoption of measures which serve to worsen an already alarming inflationary situation and impose directly an extra burden on the living costs of the Australian community, and greatly increase the cost of transportation at the expense of the community in general and the development of decentralised industry in particular”.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.  
The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Scholes, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 62

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Dr Cairns (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), the Bill was read a third time.

- 21 CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL 1973: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Dr Cairns (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), the Bill was read a third time.

- 22 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1973-74: The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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*In the committee*

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditures—

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, \$48,935,000—

Department of the Special Minister of State, \$14,570,000—

together debated and agreed to.



Proposed expenditures—

Department of the Treasury, \$157,723,000—

Advance to the Treasurer, \$50,000,000—

together debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Aboriginal Affairs, \$89,326,000—debated.

It being fifteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m.—Progress to be reported.

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The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.

23 ADJOURNMENT: The question was accordingly proposed—That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at one minute to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at half-past eleven o'clock a.m.

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 9 October 1973, pursuant to statute:

Commonwealth Banks Act—Appointment certificate—J. D. Scott.

Customs Tariff—Order—LDC Preferential Tariff—No. 3 (1973).

Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1973, No. 188.

Grants Commission Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1973, No. 189.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—

Development of Canberra and its environs—Australian Capital Territory.

Productive use by a lawful owner—County of Palmerston, Northern Territory.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Crown Lands Ordinance—Statements of reasons by Minister for revocation of—

Reserves in the Northern Territory at—

Alice Springs.

Darwin.

Katherine.

Part of reserve in the Northern Territory near Alice Springs.

Papua New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1973—

No. 46—University of Papua New Guinea (Amendment).

No. 47—Ministerial Personal Staff (Deputy Leader of the Opposition).

No. 48—Stock Brands (Amendment).

No. 49—International Cocoa Agreement.

Pollution of the Sea by Oil (Shipping Levy) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1973, No. 186.

Pollution of the Sea by Oil (Shipping Levy Collection) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1973, No. 187.

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1973, No. 181.

Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1973, Nos. 183, 184, 185.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Fox, Mr Garland\*, Dr Klugman, Mr Nixon and Dr Patterson.

\* On leave

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N. J. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives